

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEVENTEENTH MEETING, 2022 SESSION (17)
APRIL 19, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Huseman, Ringgenberg, and Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Merten, Ringgenberg, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve **amend today's agenda**, adding an additional action item, Jt. DD #14-42 beaver bounty claim. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson reviewed his FY'23 IDOT budget that will be submitted to the State, along with his 5-year program for construction and repairs. Wilkinson stated that the Budget was the same as what the Board had approved in March. Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to accept and authorize the Chair to sign the **State IDOT budget**, for FY'23, and submit to IDOT. Carried. Motion by Altena, second by Snyder, to accept and authorize the Chair to sign the **5-year Construction Program**, for FY'23, and submit to IDOT. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Huseman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for the City of Marathon, boring under 210th Ave. for a 3-phase power electrical line to the new city sewer plant, in Sections 20 & 21, Poland Township. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for the accommodation of a 1.5" poly pipeline for the transmission of water along 615th St. in Section 7, Providence Township, to serve the Stille family. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson brought a request from the BV Fair Board for sand to be used at the fairgrounds for their horse arena. Wilkinson stated that the county has donated sand in the past few years, donating up to 75 ton of sand, with the BV Fair Board responsible for hauling. Motion by Altena, second by Ringgenberg, to donate up to 75 ton of sand to the **BV Fair Board**, with the County loading it, and the BV Fair Board responsible for hauling. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been working on gravel roads and edge rutting; Engineer Wilkinson stated that they have two pieces of equipment broken and hope to get them repaired soon; they will probably start working on driveways next week, or the following week.

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson was present for the discussion on what the Board intends to do with **zoning**. Johnson stated that today was Jason Butler's last day, and with Environmental Health going under Public Health, and the floodplain maps coming this week, and the Comp Plan kick-off meeting scheduled for May 23, she would like to have the new person on board now and get in on the beginnings of these projects. Engineer Wilkinson stated that he still wants to hire a part-time person to help in the office at Secondary Roads, and Snyder wondered if the same person could also perform the Zoning duties. Wilkinson will contact counties that have zoning in the Secondary Road Department, to see how it is working, and then he and Johnson will work together on developing a new job description for this unique position.

Joanne Follon, Business Retention & Workforce Partnership Coordinator for the Iowa Lakes Corridor, reviewed the **"Best of Iowa" Program**. Follon stated that an 8-page survey was sent to various businesses, and then reviewed to see what the businesses were having issues with, that the Corridor could

help with. Last year they targeted 55 businesses, and 29 completed the surveys. Follon also reviewed labor shed reports, showing the availability of workers in BV County and Storm Lake.

Eric Yunginger, Assistant to the Drainage Engineer, discussed beaver trapping in **DD #49**. Yunginger stated that trapping season ended last week, but there are individuals that will obtain a nuisance trapping license, in order to set up and trap beavers as a nuisance. Yunginger had a request from an individual with a nuisance license, and he is asking for \$200 setup fee, which the drainage districts have never paid before. Yunginger stated that the bounty paid by the county, does not begin to cover the cost of gas. Yunginger stated that the issue with the beavers on DD #49 is where it outlets into Sac County. Yunginger stated that the trapper would set up for \$200, then after a week, comes back to revisit the trap, and charges \$50/beaver tail. Yunginger stated that the contractor still comes in and removes the dams. The Board asked Yunginger if he would develop a policy for this nuisance trapping out of season, and have it as a repair project, rather than a beaver bounty. The Board stated that they will have to revisit the amount they reimburse for beaver tails, in January, 2023. The consensus of the Board was to authorize Yunginger to contact one of the individuals with the nuisance license and ask them to come into a board meeting to discuss.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Certificate of Appreciation** for Marty DeMuth, for his 20 years of service to Buena Vista County, with the Sheriff's Department Carried.

Pursuant to Chapter 50.24 of the 2022 Code of Iowa, motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to declare the results, for Buena Vista County, of the **canvass** of the City of Marathon Special Election held April 12, as follows:

City of Marathon: total voters – 86, 57.33% turnout

COUNCIL-TO FILL VACANCY

James Burgess	64	elected
Larry Robinson	22	Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 4/12/22, as printed, and the following **reports:** 2021 Iowa Lakes Corridor Annual Report, and March Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Snyder, to approve the **Jt. DD #14-42** beaver bounty claim for Ryan Smith, in the amount of \$100, and return to Clay County for payment. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize all of the supervisors to sign **Resolution #2022-04-19-A** Declaring All ARPA Funds as Revenue Loss. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04-19-A

RESOLUTION ALLOCATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

WHEREAS, in March 2021, the federal government established the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) which included the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to provide state, local and Tribal governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury issued an Interim Final Rule implementing the SLFRF program on May 10, 2021, which included replacing lost revenue to County governments, and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2022, the Treasury issued final rules for the SLFRF program, including authorization for counties to allocate up to \$10,000,000 of their total SLFRF allocation as lost revenue to spend on government services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors approves allocating its total SLFRF allocation in the expected amount of \$3,810,955 as lost revenue to spend on government services.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of April, 2022.

/s/ Paul Merten-Chairman, Kelly Snyder-Vice-Chairman, Don Altena-Supervisor, Tom Huseman-Supervisor, Rhonda Ringgenberg-Supervisor. Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Snyder, second by Huseman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the ISAC Group Benefits Program **28E Agreement**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2022-04-19-B** To Approve the ISAC Group Benefits Program 28E. Carried.

**Resolution #2022-04-19-B
To Approve the ISAC Group Benefits Program 28E Agreement**

WHEREAS, the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) Group Benefits Program, a Chapter 28E organization, has adopted a 28E Agreement for its group health and related benefits program, for the purpose of providing group health and related benefits for employees of participating entities.

WHEREAS, the county of Buena Vista desires to adopt the 28E Agreement for health and related benefits for eligible employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors that the County desires to adopt the 28E Agreement for the ISAC Group Benefits Program.

Approved by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors on April 19, 2022.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **FY'23 ISAC Group Benefits Program County Plan Selection Confirmation for AD & D insurance**. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Snyder will be attending the Linn Grove Council Meeting on Thursday; Merten will be attending the Rolling Hills Mental Health Region Meeting next week.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. until Tuesday, April 26 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.